



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MATERIEL COMMAND  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

27 OCT 1998

### MEMORANDUM FOR AFRL/PK

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FROM: HQ AFMC/PK

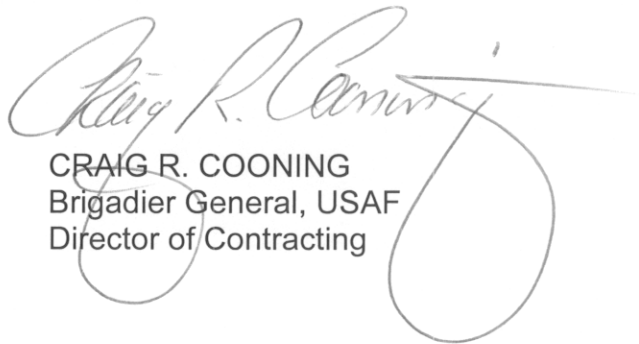
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SUBJECT: Delegation of Acquisition Authority for Experimental or Test Purposes

1. Procurement for Experimental Purposes, 10 U.S.C. 2373, authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to buy ordnance, signal, chemical activity, and aeronautical supplies, including parts and accessories, and designs thereof, that the Secretary of the Air Force considers necessary for experimental or test purposes in the development of the best supplies that are needed for the national defense.
2. The authority delegated to me pursuant to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force memo, 8 Sep 98, and the Commander, Air Force Materiel Command memo, 28 Sep 98, to make acquisitions for experimental or test purposes as authorized in 10 U.S.C. 2373, is hereby redelegated to the director of contracting at the above activities in accordance with the following procedures. The authority may be further redelegated, in writing, and implemented as appropriate and necessary.
3. Purchases under 10 U.S.C. 2373 may be made inside or outside the United States and by contract or otherwise. Chapter 137 of Title 10 (competition requirement) applies only when purchases are made in quantity. This authority will enhance the Air Force's ability to accomplish short-cycle acquisition requirements, such as Battlelab initiatives.
4. It is essential that appropriate safeguards be implemented to protect the government's interest pertaining to this authority. The Senior Center Contracting Official, prior to award, should approve all efforts utilizing this authority exceeding \$1.5M. Contracting officers must provide file documentation identifying each application of this authority and how it satisfies the appropriate restrictions of the authority. In addition, each of the above activities shall report annually on the situations where this authority has been used. Data shall be reported to HQ AFMC/PKT each 30 Oct. The following information is requested:

- a. Program name/Contract or modification number
- b. Dollar value of acquisition
- c. Description of item(s) purchased
- d. Quantity acquired for test
- e. Names/phone numbers of the contracting officer and program manager

5. Contracting officers and program managers must carefully review 10 U.S.C. 2373 statutory requirements and ensure that the acquisition is properly within the authority. My staff and I are available to assist you as necessary. My action officer for this effort is Ms. Linda Reed, HQ AFMC/PKPA, DSN 787-6755.



CRAIG R. COONING  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Contracting

Attachments:

- 1. SAF Memo, 8 Sep 98
- 2. AFMC/CC Memo, 28 Sep 98



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GEORGE T. BABBITT  
General, USAF  
Commander



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

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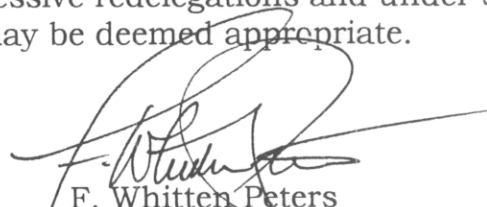
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AFMC/PK requested this authority to support Air Force battlelab requirements. Pursuant to the authority vested in me, you are delegated authority to make acquisitions for experimental or test purposes as authorized in 10 U.S.C. 2373.

The authority delegated in this letter may be redelegated, in writing, with or without the authority to make successive redelegations and under such terms, conditions and limitations as may be deemed appropriate.



F. Whitten Peters  
Acting Secretary of the Air Force



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*US Code as of: 01/23/00***Sec. 2373. Procurement for experimental purposes**

- (a) Authority. - The Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments may each buy ordnance, signal, chemical activity, and aeronautical supplies, including parts and accessories, and designs thereof, that the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary concerned considers necessary for experimental or test purposes in the development of the best supplies that are needed for the national defense.
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